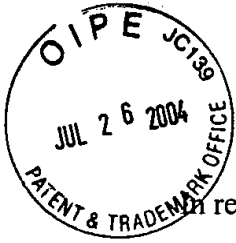


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the documents listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 4,395,780
U.S. Patent No. 6,055,560
U.S. Patent No. 5,694,541
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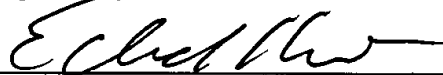
These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report dated May 13, 2004 is enclosed.

It is noted that the documents U.S. 4,949,248, U.S. 4,974,254, EP 0529864, EP 0713347, and JP 09-130769, which are also listed in the Search Report, were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement dated February 17, 2004.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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